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'Dance For a Cure' ties art form to awareness, fund raising

Holly Hickerson, senior in theater, shares a moment with sister Heather Hickerson, K-State grad, Thursday afternoon. The audience was asked to partake in a moment of silence for those lost to breast cancer.

Sara Manco
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By Sarah Burford
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Girls in "Tough Enough to Wear Pink" shirts and black tights leapt across the Union Courtyard, arms spread wide, as if they were letting go of sorrow and inviting hope.

Dance for a Cure featured dances choreographed to various songs among other speeches as a Breast Cancer Awareness month celebration in K-State Student Union's courtyard Thursday afternoon.

Heather Hickerson, senior in dance, organized the event to encourage cancer patients and survivors.

"I put this together as a

way to help fight back," she said, "and to raise funds and awareness for research."

She started working on the event a month and a half ago and said all the people involved were volunteers.

Hickerson opened the event with a letter from her mother, who could not be there and is currently battling her second bout of breast cancer.

"Cancer is so limited," Hickerson read from the letter. "It cannot cripple love, it cannot shatter hope..."

After Hickerson finished reading, she and 6 other girls took their places on the dance floor and performed their routine to the

song, "Wonderful World." The words rang throughout the Union and attracted looks from people standing on the upper floor.

"I know that it's a wonderful world, but I just want to cry now..." the girls covered their faces and rolled their heads back, and made use of the floor space as they rolled across it. "I know that it's a wonderful world... when you're with me."

A second song began and the dancers re-entered from the stairwell. They improvised to the song, "You Raise me Up" and literally raised one of the dancers into the air. The wave of arms swept her up, symbolizing the support needed

in the midst of cancer struggles and gently set her back down.

Katie Lero, sophomore in dance, was one of the performers.

"It's an expression of hope, of a personal struggle, but finding hope within that personal struggle," Lero said.

After this second performance, Mary Kay Siefers, assistant professor in the School of Leadership Studies and breast cancer survivor, gave a speech. She started by praising Hickerson for putting the event together.

"We talked about putting ourselves out there

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Burglary reported on KSU campus

By Sydney Eagleton
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

A burglary was reported at the KSU Foundation on Monday, according to a K-State Police report.

Several offices in the building were entered, said Capt. Don Stubbs of the KSUPD. The case is still under investigation.

ITEM REPORTED STOLEN

Corazon Ochanda, sophomore in biology, reported a Blackberry phone was stolen from Hale Library last Friday, according to the report.

OTHER INCIDENTS

Three students were issued notices to appear for criminal trespassing, according to the report.

Kathryn Glanville, junior in agronomy; Ellen Verhaeghe, sophomore in pre-veterinary medicine; and Stephanie Lamb, freshman in chemical engineering; were found on the roof of Call Hall early Saturday morning.

Also, Jacquelyn Blick, junior in dietetics, was charged with a minor in possession, and Tyler Bales, senior in speech, was charged for driving under the influence during Saturday's football game, according to the report.

Mid-Campus Drive to be closed

By Jacque Haag
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Mid-Campus Drive will be closed today beginning at 6 a.m., Facilities Project Manager Jack Carlson said.

Carlson said the street will be closed from Anderson Avenue to the K-State Student Union.

The street will close to give workers access for concrete pumping for the parking structure being built south of the Union, he said.

Carlson said the street hopefully will be open again by 1 p.m. today.

OCT. 15 GAS PRICES

Topeka	2.44	Topeka
Junction City	2.79	Junction City
Manhattan	2.79	Manhattan

OCT. 22 GAS PRICES

Topeka	2.35	Topeka
Junction City	2.43	Junction City
Manhattan	2.48	Manhattan

WEDNESDAY GAS PRICES

Topeka	2.15
Junction City	2.17
Manhattan	2.33

— These are approximate averages from www.kansasgasprices.com.

Manhattan gas prices higher than most

By Chance York
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Though nationwide gas prices have been on the decline over the past several weeks — to the benefit of individuals struggling in a volatile economy — many K-State students and Manhattan area residents are disappointed that the price they pay at the pump remains disproportionate to prices in other Kansas communities.

Three Sundays ago the average price of unleaded gas in Manhattan was \$2.95 per gallon.

That same day — Oct. 12 — the average price of gas in Topeka was \$2.51 per gallon; Newton, Kan. averaged \$2.64; and El Dorado, Kan. came in at a modest \$2.61 per gallon.

According to www.kansasgasprices.com, Manhattan's gas prices Thursday ranged from approximately \$2.21 to \$2.35 per gallon, while at the same time Topeka's gas prices ranged from just \$2.01 to \$2.39 per gallon; Lawrence hovered around \$2.11.

Joanna Seley, student at Manhattan's Emmanuel House Seminary, said she's glad gas prices generally are dropping but is still dissatisfied with prices in the local market.

"I think it's frustrating that they're higher," Seley said.

Similar responses are heard all over the Manhattan community and the K-State campus.

Katie Kobialka, freshman in pre-dentistry, said gas prices in the Kansas City area are usually much lower than Manhattan gas prices.

Gas prices in Manhattan are "always a lot higher than anywhere else," Kobialka said.

During the past three weeks, Manhattan gas price averages have occasionally dipped below or even



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Gas prices in Manhattan remain higher than the average cost in the rest of Kansas. Many locals believe that this is due to a gas monopoly in Manhattan.

with the averages of surrounding communities, but Manhattan's prices have continued to be as expensive, or more expensive, than those in similar markets like Lawrence and Junction City.

When asked why Manhattan gas prices are often higher than gas prices in other Kansas communities, many K-State students and Manhattan residents suggest one reason might be a local gas station "monopoly" that allows owners to keep prices relatively high.

Chris Darrah, owner of nine area Dara's Fast Lane convenience stores, and Greg Junghans, owner of at least five

area Shop Quik convenience

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Go to kstatecollegian.com for a poll question about rising fuel costs.

KU GAME DAY

AFTER TWO-Straight losses to the Jayhawks, K-State will try to claim bragging rights in the Sunflower Showdown in Lawrence on Saturday.

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FRIDAY FACTOID

GIVING OUT CANDY FOR HALLOWEEN IS NO NEW PRACTICE. CHECK THE FRIDAY FACTOID FOR AN IN-DEPTH LOOK AT TRICK-OR-TREATING.

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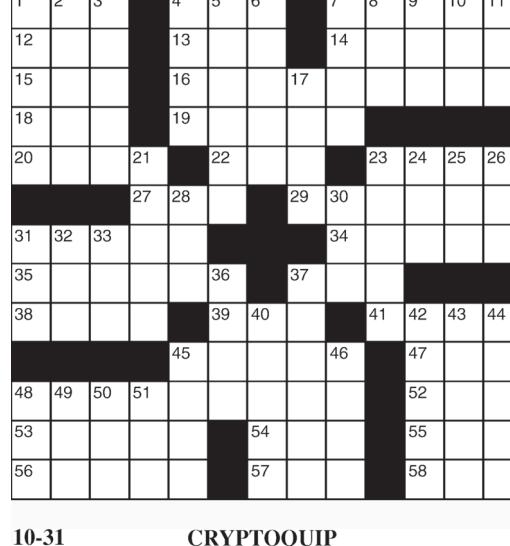
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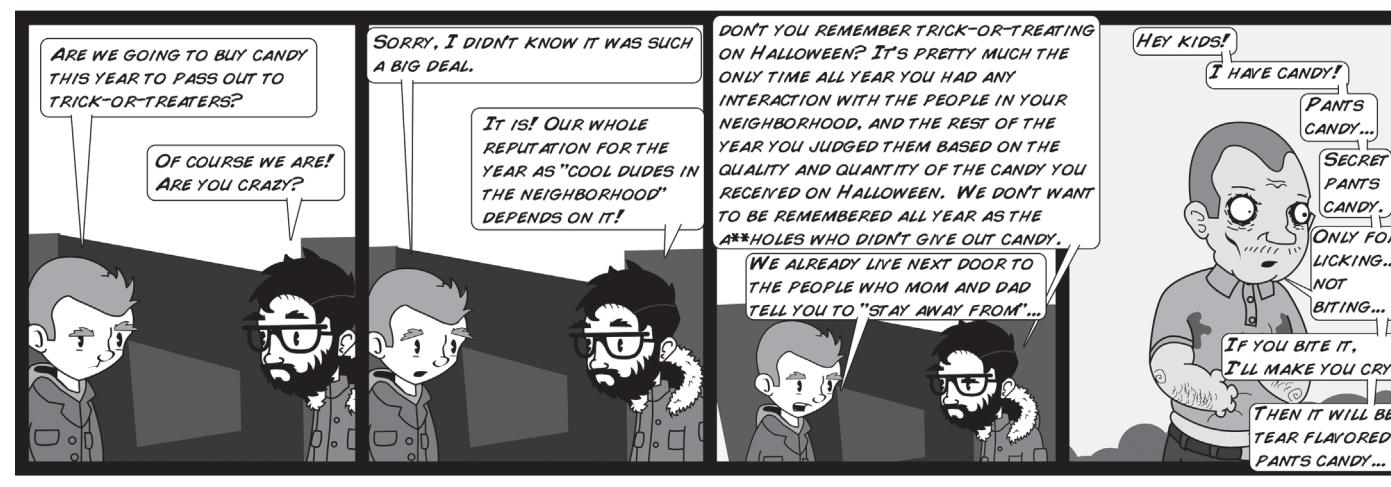
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THE BLOTER
ARRESTS IN RILEY COUNTY

WEDNESDAY

Anthony Howard Patton Jr., 315 Kearney St., was arrested at 9:59 a.m. for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$18,000.

Ricco Nahshon Hall, 917 Colorado St., was arrested at 11:56 a.m. for aggravated burglary. Bond was set at \$2,500.

Brandon Lee Crum, 920 Laramie St., Apt. A, was arrested at 4:30 p.m. for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$500.

Anne Marie Landrum, 2215 College Ave., Apt. J 339, was arrested at 4:30 p.m. for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$500.

THURSDAY

Anthony Sean Humphreys, 1111 Vattier St., Apt. 5, was arrested at 2:02 a.m. for prohibited use or possession of simulated controlled substances and drug paraphernalia; unlawful acts relating to possession of depressants, stimulants or hallucinogenic drugs or other substances; and taxation. Bond was set at \$8,000.

Marion Lewis Latimore II, 1111 Vattier St., Apt. 5, was arrested at 2:06 a.m. for prohibited use or possession of simulated controlled substances and drug paraphernalia; unlawful acts relating to possession of depressants, stimulants or hallucinogenic drugs or other substances; and taxation. No bond was set.

Travis Lynn Livingston, 1224 Pomeroy St., was arrested at 2:45 a.m. for obstruction of the legal process and urinating in public. Bond was set at \$852.

Adam Joseph Ptacek, 821 Vattier St., No. 2, was arrested at 3:20 a.m. for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

If you see something that should be corrected or clarified, call news editor Jacque Haag at 785-532-6556 or e-mail collegian@spub.ksu.edu.

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Cardwell construction forces classes to relocate

By Joel Aschbrenner
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Students waited curiously, looking at what used to be their classroom but had been transformed into a construction site, as their instructor dialed feverishly on his phone, trying to find out why they were out of a classroom.

Students in Business and Economics Statistics taught by William Chernoff, graduate student in statistics, soon found that their class had been moved to a room in another hall.

Unbeknownst to several sections of statistics, mathematics and physics courses, Cardwell Hall's rooms 144 and 145 went under construction Oct. 13 to renovate the two rooms into one large mathematics studio.

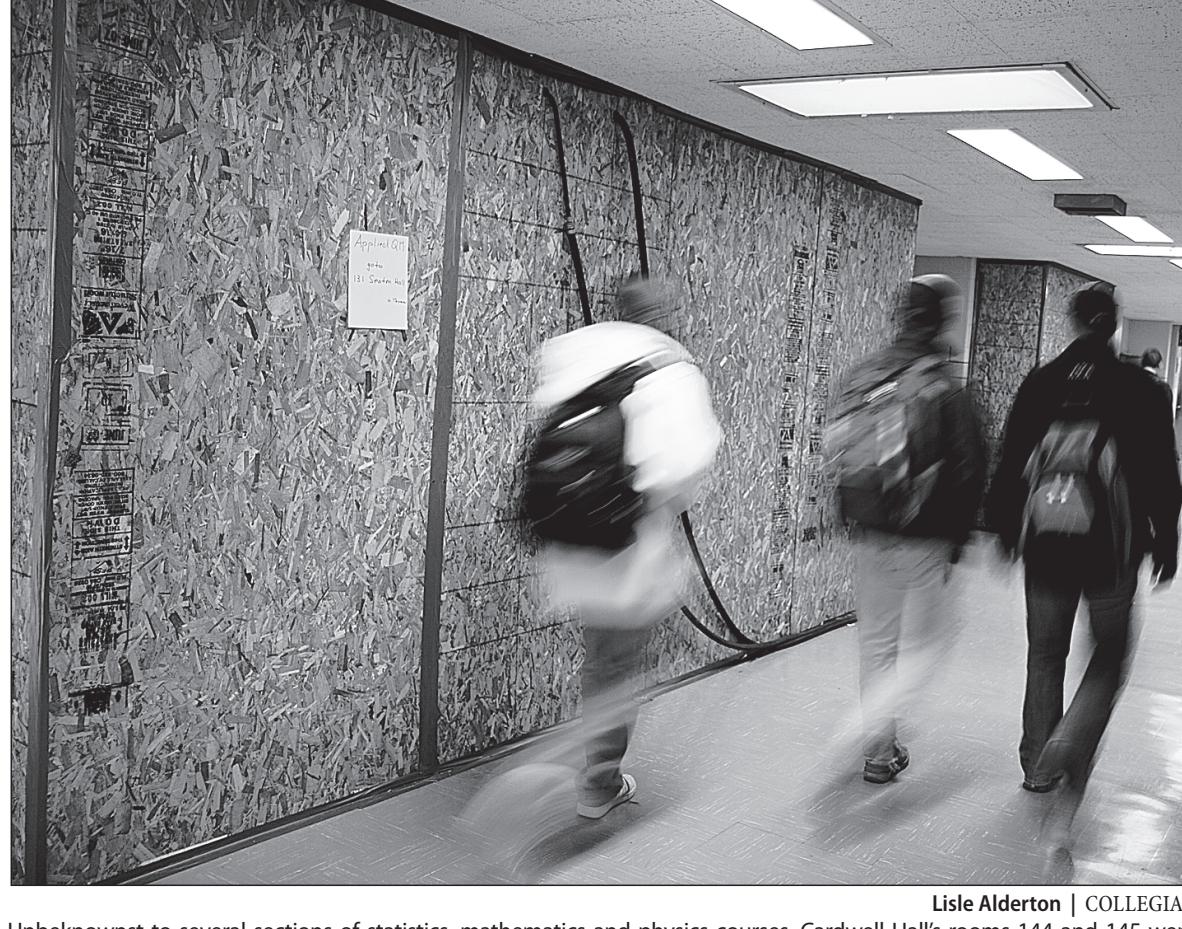
These students and instructors found their classrooms boarded up with plywood and sealed with plastic bagging and tape.

"Someone had decided that the room was off limits, but the instructor did not get the memo," said John Boyer, head of the statistics department. "I don't want to point fingers. It was just a misunderstanding."

Both classrooms were supposed to be empty all semester, as construction was scheduled to begin earlier, but several instructors were not informed of the change.

Kim Jackson, room scheduling specialist for the facilities department, said she was not aware classes were still meeting in the rooms when the construction started.

Loretta Sump, facilities support service manager, said she thought she had notified everyone who



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needed to know the classrooms were not supposed to be used.

"The room changes should have been made on iSIS, but we are still having problems getting it to work as smooth as possible," she said.

Sump said she was responsible for passing the information along, but someone must have failed to

relay the message to the instructors.

"We feel very badly that the inconvenience occurred," she said. "It was not a smooth process, but I hope we learned from it and can avoid it in the future."

Dale Rivett, associate director of building maintenance for facilities, said construction would have started before the semester

began if not for a few design delays.

"The departments were notified that those classes were relocated to a different space," he said. "There were some faculty members using them because it was empty and we had furniture in there, but they went ahead and kept on using them."

"Unfortunately things like that happen."

Car accident sends 1 to hospital

By Salena Strate
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

A Manhattan woman was sent to the hospital after running a red light, causing a two-vehicle accident Wednesday, according to a Riley County Police Department report.

RCPD Lt. Kurt Moldrup said the accident occurred at the Fourth Street and Leavenworth Street intersection.

At 11:42 a.m., Nancy Mathiot, 1934 Montgomery Drive, was driving a 1989 Chevy Caprice heading north, crossing Leavenworth Street, where she was struck by another vehicle, according to the report.

David McKee, 57, of 2124 Griffith Terrace, was driving eastbound in a 1999 Cadillac STS.

Mathiot, 70, was transported to Mercy Regional Hospital for a cut to the face, and she was issued a citation for running a red stoplight, according to the report.

McKee received no injuries.

In another RCPD report, Justin Lupfer, 20, of 1919 Platt Street, had \$800 in miscellaneous tools and a toolbox stolen from his truck bed.

Moldrup said the theft occurred between Sunday and Wednesday.

New campus groups aims to give students 'hands-on' investing

By Tyler Sharp
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

During the presidential debates this year, both candidates frequently touted their connections to Warren Buffet.

The Omaha businessman and philanthropist was referenced throughout the debates as a potential treasury secretary.

But John McCain and Barack Obama were not the only ones influenced by Buffet's work.

Seth Auld, sophomore in finance, and Darin Mainquist, senior in finance, attended Buffet's annual shareholder meetings for his company Berkshire Hathaway in spring 2008 with a group of students

from the Student Finance Association. At the meetings, the two decided K-State needed an organization to offer more hands-on experience dealing with investments.

Thus, the Investment Club was born.

Recruiting efforts are underway, Auld said, and the club is looking for anyone interested in investing.

He said the club would take any experience level and functions with a collaboration of ideas.

"We're really open to listening to anyone's ideas," he said. "That's the nice thing about it: Nobody's ideas are thrown out the window."

Whether you are a beginner

or an expert, we will sit and listen to your ideas and see if they are good investment ideas."

The club is finishing its constitution, a task that must be completed by any student organization registered through the Office of Students Activities and Services.

Scott Hendrix, instructor in finance and club adviser, said developing the constitution has been mainly what he has helped with thus far.

Included in the constitution is the election process for officers, the managers of the portfolio and analysts.

But that has not been the limit of Hendrix's activity with the club.

"As they have had their

meetings, I have sat in to listen to the strategies and respond to questions about the strategies," he said.

The strategies are already going to good use. Investment Club members have combined to form a team for the 2008 EQuity Collegiate Challenge.

The school that takes first place in the competition will receive \$10,000.

More than \$25,000 in prize money will be distributed by the conclusion of the tournament. As of Wednesday evening, the K-State team was ranked 43rd out of 549 teams.

Hendrix said the strategies that would usually work are currently unsuccessful because of the market's volatility.

"Over the short term, there can be some variability," he said. "But I think they have a strategy in place to be successful long term."

Mainquist said his goal for the group was to have and operate multiple portfolios and to visit the investment industry in Kansas City.

"That's what we are kind of working toward right now," he said.

Students interested in the Investment Club should contact Auld at shauld@ksu.edu.

"We're just on the beginnings of this organization," he said. "We're really hoping we can have a lot of neat things that people will be able to experience through this club."

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Happy Halloween, Collegian readers. On the spookiest day of the year, allow us to calm your fears with a little Fourum. Here are the Fourum comments that made our days a little more amusing.

"Hey, Fourum, would you rather vomit marbles or sweat cheese? Things to consider."

Those are probably two of the worst choices in the history of choices. But held at gun point and forced to pick, we would probably choose the marbles. It would probably be easier to clean up.

"Is it a bad thing that my friend's cough medicine makes her feel drunk?"

Well, it probably is a bad thing that your friend chugs enough cough medicine to make her feel drunk. So, in short: yes.

"Fourum, will you go to formal with me?"

We hate to break it to you, but we're already engaged to someone else. We're sorry to break not only your formal dreams but your heart.

"I'm so hip, your grandpa broke me."

This is probably one of the most clever Fourum comments we've seen. Thank you for playing.

"A black cat has walked in front of me three different times when I've been going to take a test, and I've failed all three tests."

We would definitely suggest picking another route to class. These signs do not bode well for you — or your college career.

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Mad money

ACORN's faulty acts leads to financial troubles for citizens



FRANK
MALE

Last week I wrote on ACORN's voter fraud cases and the Cloward-Piven Strategy they seem to be using to undermine the legitimacy of elections. The same day, the New York Times ran an article wherein they revealed that 400,000 of ACORN's registrations were rejected, out of the 1.3 million they sent in.

The Cloward-Piven Strategy is to inundate government with impossible demands, create a manufactured crisis and use the crisis as a strike at capitalism.

The financial crisis was entirely because of the housing market collapsing. Since the 1990s, housing prices have increased faster than the rate of inflation, but in the last year they have decreased.

It just so happens that the Community Reinvestment Act gave the government much broader authority to enforce requirements for private banks to offer loans to low-income households in 1989. The changes in the 1980s and '90s forced Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to devote a portion of their loans to low-income housing. Because these government corporations were putting money into sub-prime loans and backing them, it became easier for the working poor to buy a house and apply for a loan.

One nonpartisan group lobbied for the CRA and subsequent changes. It turns out ACORN has been very active in ensuring "affordable housing" is mandated by the government.

It campaigned for the CRA and against "predatory loans" - without accepting that loans are agreed upon by both the bank and the homeowners. The simple truth is that loans are voluntary.

In 2002, ACORN brought a class-action lawsuit against Household International to prevent home foreclosures. Banks being reviewed for CRA compliance were persuaded by ACORN to make dangerous loans to financially unstable households. In 2000, the Bank of New York committed \$760 million to ACORN's housing program for disadvantaged mortgage seekers.

In the end, a large group of people were getting sub-prime loans for their houses without the means to assure they would have money to pay for it. This drove up demand for houses – and prices – until the bubble finally burst.

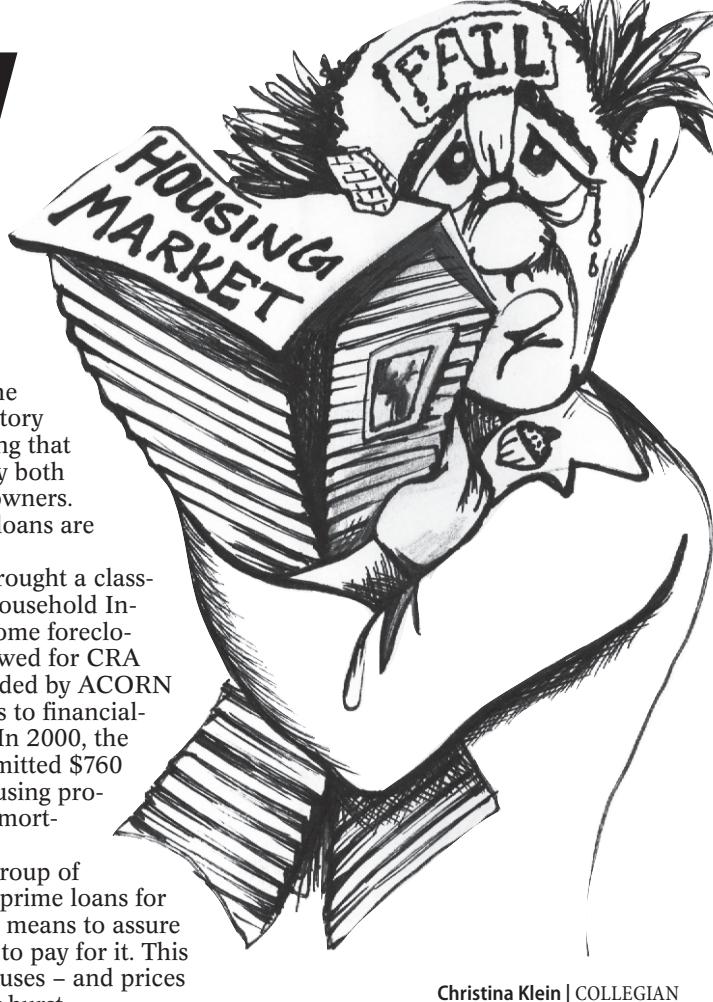
In the meantime, banks had purchased numbers of mortgage-backed securities, made many loans and were left holding the bag when homeowners started defaulting while owing more on their houses than they were worth.

Voila, crisis.

People are worried about their stocks, banks and homes and are demanding the government take action to help them. Businesses are going hat-in-hand, asking for assistance. There is increased clamor for socializing the banking industry, increasing regulation and removing the risks inherent in free markets.

The presidential candidate with a socialist solution to everything regained his lead in the polls immediately following the collapse of Wall Street.

These are the results a Cloward-Piven strategist would aim for. The great number of risky loans forced upon banks led to a crisis that eroded trust in free markets. It is difficult to guard against the en-



Christina Klein | COLLEGIAN

croachments of government when you're fighting for your daily bread.

Because the financial meltdown was of such extraordinary proportions, pinning one cause is difficult. However, it is not overly taxing to consider that the sub-prime mortgage market was fueled by loans to people incapable of paying back.

It is also perfectly believable that ACORN was acting simply on what it deemed the best interests of low-income families, guaranteeing them houses. However, the political results of this discombobulation of the markets seem oddly aligned with ACORN's political goals, and the leaders of ACORN are familiar with the Cloward-Piven Strategy.

In the end, ACORN helped break the bank.

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Economic crisis cannot be blamed solely on Bush

Americans are well aware of the presidential election that will take place in just a few short days. They are equally aware of the current economic crisis and the different approaches Sens. Barack Obama and John McCain intend to use to fix it.

In his acceptance speech for his presidential nomination, Obama discussed the economy, showing Americans his concern for the millions of families in dire financial straits.

Obama even went so far as to identify the cause of our current economic crisis, saying, "the failure to respond is a direct result of broken politics in Washington and the failed policies of George W. Bush. America, we are better than these last eight years. We are a better country than this."

However, Obama fails to inform Americans that this crisis is not a result of the Bush administration alone. The real economic trouble started in Congress, where Obama served as a senator, though admittedly not for very long.

The names Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac have been brought up in the news countless times the last few weeks. Both companies spent months pushing their agendas through Congress, wanting to require that banks loan out money to minorities to be politically correct without making nec-

essary background checks to see if those loans could be repaid.

McCain, who was also in the Senate when this issue first arose, has been warning Congress for three years of the dangers of allowing the banks to lend out money they had no guarantee would ever be paid back.

Sen. Barney Frank, D-Mass., however, blocked every piece of legislation that attempted to tighten down on banking requirements, reassuring Americans countless times that there was no danger to our economy.

Why then are we facing "the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression?" Furthermore, why isn't the media demanding

Obama and his fellow Democrats give an account of themselves for allowing this to happen, even furthering it by preventing any scrutiny or regulation on bank loans?

The truth is that the Democrats – with Obama as their figurehead – don't even acknowledge that Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac had any connection to the crisis at all.

Instead of taking responsibility, the Democrats pass the blame to the Bush administration, members of the very party which fought tooth and nail to stop them.

Obama's attempt to blame Bush for the economic problems is at best uninformed and at

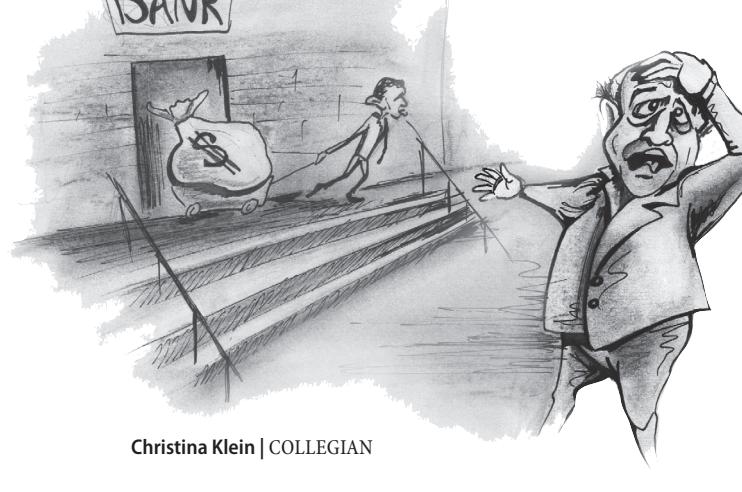
worst deceptive. He certainly has shown a lack of knowledge when it comes to the basics of how our economy works.

One instance of this is Obama said he is going to do away with capital gain tax that is paid for by small businesses. However, small businesses do not pay capital gain tax, individuals do.

Obama has proven he is unwilling to take a stand against his party when they make a bad judgment call and even went so far as to help put America in the crisis we're in by agreeing with senators like Frank.

In his nomination acceptance speech, McCain summed up the two candidates' differences on the economy in just a few words. "I will keep taxes low and cut them where I can. My opponent will raise them. I will open new markets to our goods and services. My opponent will close them. I will cut government spending. He will increase it. My tax cuts will create jobs. His tax increases will eliminate them."

Obama and Americans everywhere need to realize that these are serious issues with the economy requiring serious people with serious experience.



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THE FOURUM

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To the guy dressed in the full-out ape costume jumping out of bushes and scaring people: You made my day.

Guy who just said our teacher looks like a capital D: You look like a capital D.

Does anybody else see the barefooted guy running up the hill in the quad?

Hey, sorority girl in the white Acura, when you go through a school zone and the lights are flashing, that means you're supposed to slow down.

I think a spatula is just a spoon that gave up.

Something wicked this way comes.

To the girls who whistled and told me blue was my color: Find me at FarmHouse.

Just thought someone might wanna know, the picture in the paper wasn't of the nuclear reactor.

My girlfriend and I just saw a guy driving a pale blue Prius. Yeah, he's gay.

Hey, blond Swede, brown-headed Dutchman here. Let's just be glad we're not douche bags like that redhead Irishman is.

I'm being an eskiho for Halloween.

I was just walking down the street, and I walked across the path of the black cat. A minute later, it got hit by a car. What

does that say about me?

I know nothing of life but to be legit.

I'm at the women's volleyball game, and I just saw Willie give a guy a wet willie. It was awesome.

As opposed to going to the men's volleyball game.

To the guy on the motorbike on Denison trying to impress those two girls: You are a loser.

Here's to respecting women, like my mama taught me to.

To the guy that keeps calling Game Stop: No, we don't have "Battle Toads."

I'm afraid to eat my friend's Chinese food, because I'm afraid she might have herpes.

Being a complete and total tool must be a prerequisite to buying a flat-brimmed hat.

You think if I call four times in a row, maybe one of these will get in?

We may be better at volleyball, but A&M is definitely better at butt touching.

Plan A: Come up with something witty and clever to say in the Fourum. Plan B: Fill up the inbox with random messages.

Do you guys know where I can get some meat waffles?

To the trash can disguised as a wastebasket: You're not fooling anyone.

Cran-grape is the drink of champions.

Suck it, Trebek.

Dear Fourum, we're in an economic crisis, and we're wasting water by watering the grass in October.

Hey, Fourum, would you rather

vomit marbles or sweat cheese? Things to consider.

To the hottie with the body standing in front of the spork today on the phone in a purple shirt.

To the guy that followed me in the parking lot today: You're lucky you went to your car, because I got out my Mase.

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DOWN AND DIRTY



Chelsy Lueth | COLLEGIAN

Gently laying brick after brick down on the sidewalk outside of the Seventh Day Adventist Church on the corner of Laramie and Sixth, Larry Combs of Manhattan, works patiently on Thursday afternoon. Combs has been going to church at various Seventh Day churches since he was 10 years old.

Department reviews endangered species list

By Corene Brisendine
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The black-footed ferret is one of 59 species on the threatened and endangered species list in Kansas. Through the help of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, the black-footed ferret – until recently extinct in the wild – was bred in captivity and re-released in western Kansas.

The KDWP is currently reviewing the threatened and endangered species within Kansas. Ken Brunson, wildlife diversity coordinator, said Kansas updates the T&E list every five years.

Brunson said the process to determine which species to put on the T&E list is very complicated. Nationally, the eastern cougar is considered an endangered species. In Kansas, the cougar is not.

It once lived in Kansas, Brunson said, but it is no longer a resident and therefore considered “extirpated.”

Extirpated, defined by Brunson, is when the population drops below reproducible numbers.

“There are a number of populations that might transgress within the state, but that does not make them a resident,” Brunson said.

Other species on the U.S. endangered species list that Kansas considers extirpated are the grey wolf, red wolf and the ivory-billed woodpecker. A species on the Kansas endangered species list and the U.S. endangered species list is the pallid sturgeon.

The pallid, or white, sturgeon is like many other aquatic species on the Kansas T&E list – their habitat has been disrupted due to damming of rivers and loss of habitat. Edwin Miller, T&E species coordinator for KDWP, said 75 percent of the Kansas species are aquatic.

Miller headed a program similar to the one for the black-footed ferret to re-populate lakes and rivers with the Neosho Mucket, a freshwater mussel on the T&E list. The

Neosho Mucket requires contact with a fish during its larval stage, Miller said.

The larvae attach themselves to the gills of the fish where it goes through a metamorphosis stage before dropping off a few weeks later.

“[Hatcheries] have the fish on hand and put them in contact with the larval forms,” Miller said. “They raise those to a stage where they can be released, improving the population.”

Programs, like those for the ferret and mussel, are made possible through federal grants and through the “Chickadee Check-off” in Kansas, Brunson said.

“We permit projects that involve providing habitat and help fund breeding programs,” Brunson said.

According to www.earthsendangered.com, T&E species become endangered through human growth in population which causes a decline in habitat or human interference with the habitat due to building, pollution and harvesting.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Important song missing from Men's Glee Club

Editor,

It's disappointing to me that during homecoming week of all weeks, the K-State Men's Glee Club did not perform “The Big 12 Medley,” one of its long-held traditions, at its fall concert last Friday. The Men's Glee Club at K-State is the oldest student organization on campus (est. 1888), and they have been singing “The Big 12 Medley” since its arrangement over 40 years ago. With this strong history in mind, it seems only appropriate – if not just for the delight of the audience – for the group to entertain those attending their official concerts on campus with this piece.

The Big XII Medley (also known as “Eight ‘n’ Four”), was written specifically for K-State, and in particular, for the Men's Glee Club. Though the singing at this concert was indeed excellent, and the pride I have for the obvious talent of the young men in the ensemble cannot be shaken, leaving out “The Big 12 Medley,” to me is like the marching band not playing “The Wabash Cannonball,” or the K-

State Singers leaving out their traditional sing-song ensemble member introductions.

Having seen the medley performed in years past, the enjoyment of seeing Men's Glee perform the piece is not only in the song itself but also in the excitement of the members as they sing it.

That excitement, the fun of it, is immediately radiated to the audience. In combination with the singers' performances preceding it, the addition of “The Big 12 Medley” makes Men's Glee what it is meant to be. The K-State Men's Glee Web site says, “... none of us would be here if it weren't for the sheer fact that we love and respect what we do.”

I dearly hope that future students, audiences and future members of the ensemble get the opportunity to be a part of what has been for me at each concert the highly anticipated, rich tradition of the K-State Men's Glee performing “The Big 12 Medley.”

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Dalonte Hill's salary warranted



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Much has been made in the last few weeks in regard to how much K-State assistant coach Dalonte Hill is paid.

Rivals.com recently ran an article about Hill's annual salary, which is \$420,000. He is the highest-paid assistant coach in the country, and the second-highest-paid coach is not close.

Joe Holladay, assistant coach at North Carolina, is the second-highest paid assistant in the country, pulling in \$265,000 in 2008-09.

But there's one problem: Hill is not an assistant coach. He is the associate head coach at K-State. The last time I checked, an associate head coach should receive more than the average assistant.

Recently the Coalition of Intercollegiate Athletics decided to take on Hill and his salary, stating, "The growing drive of Division I-A schools to win at all costs replaces educational goals with the hope of profitable championships. For higher education, there is no way this can succeed."

Would this come up if it was an assistant coach at KU, North Carolina or Memphis? I find it unlikely.

Hill is being targeted because this is supposed to be lowly K-State, a school that struggled in basketball for more than a decade until it re-emerged with the hiring of coach Bob Huggins and his staff.

Where would K-State get all this money?

Well, consider this: K-State's coach Frank Martin makes approximately \$800,000 a year. Hill and Martin combine to equal a total salary of \$1.2 million.

KU coach Bill Self, who signed an extension after leading the Jayhawks to the national championship this past year, makes more than \$3 million yearly.

The three top Jayhawk assistants make \$234,000 per year each, which combines to \$702,000.

Self makes more than the whole K-State coaching staff, and it is by a lot. Yet the Coalition of Intercollegiate Athletics has chosen to ignore other programs and target Hill.

I didn't see the media criticizing KU for bringing in Mario Chalmers' father as director of basketball operations.

Of course, Chalmers' father had a large amount of coaching experience — he served more than 20 years in the military and coached an AAU team or two in Alaska.

But his father is no longer employed by KU after Chalmers entered the NBA draft. Coincidence? I'll let you be the judge.

This has become a common practice in all of athletics for recruiting purposes.

Which brings me back to my point: Why is Hill the only one being targeted?

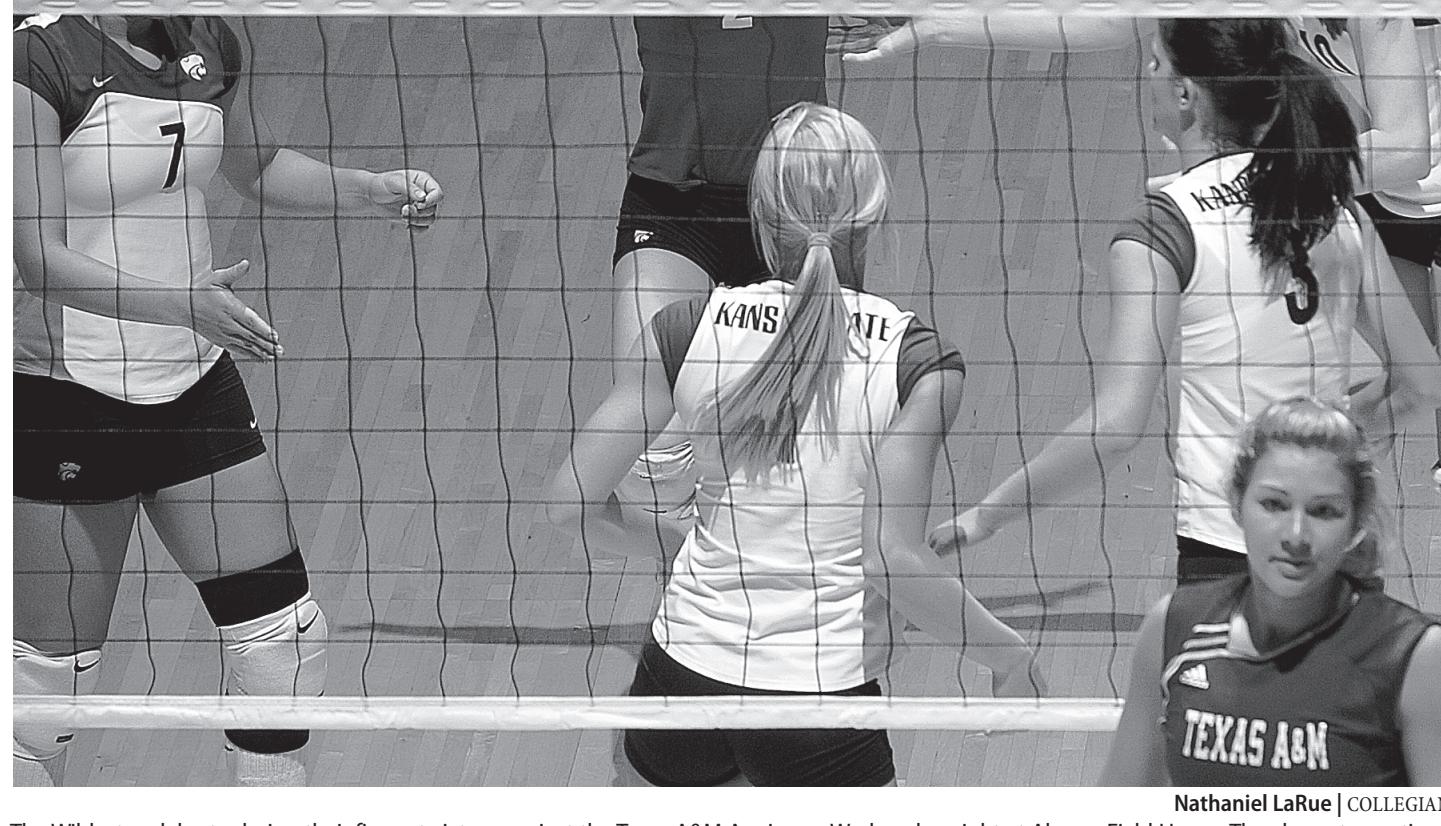
Hill is one of the top recruiters in the nation, and he can also coach. He has spent several years of his life devoted to coaching.

He has helped lay a new foundation for K-State basketball.

And someday, Hill will become a head coach at a prominent university. I expect someday he will make all those who questioned him regret it.

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Looking for victory



Nathaniel LaRue | COLLEGIAN

The Wildcats celebrate during their five-set victory against the Texas A&M Aggies on Wednesday night at Ahearn Field House. They hope to continue their success — they are currently third in the conference — Saturday against KU.

Wildcats welcome in-state rival to Manhattan

By Justin Nutter
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

After Wednesday night's nail-biter against Texas A&M, head volleyball coach Suzie Fritz said she could sense her team was starting to wear down.

"That was our third five-game match in a row," Fritz said. "We were on the road for two of those five-gamers last week, so just coming off that week, there was of course some concern about fatigue and just from travel and stress. All those types of things will take it out of you pretty quick."

Fritz, who earned her 166th career win on Wednesday, said the team should be well rested when they take the floor for tonight's practice.

"We'll get back tomorrow and get back in and hopefully be feeling good," she said. "You know, Fridays come around and they get through their classes and their tests and everything, so we feel like we can have a good day tomorrow."

CHECK OUT THE CATS

Saturday vs. KU
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The No. 16 Wildcats (19-4, 9-3 Big 12 Conference) will look to complement a

strong practice with a strong performance against in-state rival Kansas (10-11, 4-8 Big 12) Saturday night at Ahearn Field House. This is the second and final meeting between the Wildcats and Jayhawks this season. K-State won 3-2 against KU in Lawrence on Oct. 1.

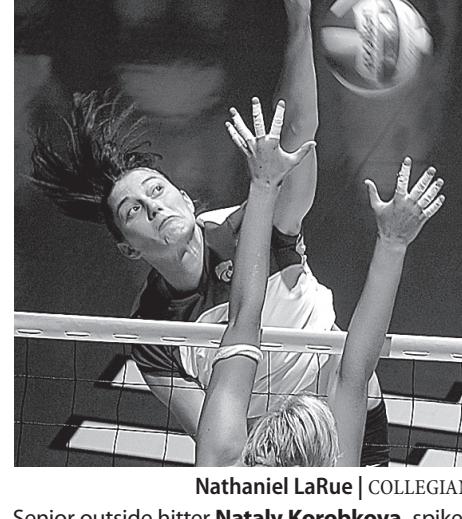
Fritz said though the Jayhawks took the Wildcats to the wire earlier this month, she's confident that her team can come away with a win this weekend.

"I feel like, if this team shows up, we can play with anybody," she said. "I didn't feel like we played particularly well at Kansas, but for lack of more scientific verbiage, we just need to play better."

Kansas has been paced this season by sophomore outside hitters Karina Garlington and Jenna Kaiser, who are averaging 3.8 and 2.36 kills per game, respectively. K-State has been led by a trio of seniors during the 2008 campaign. Outside hitters Rita Liliom and Nataly Korobkova have been dominant at the net, averaging 4.12 and 3.24 kills per game. Middle blocker Megan Farr has been a solid all-around player this year. She is averaging 1.77 kills and 1.18 blocks per game while maintaining a .384 hitting percentage.

Saturday's match-up will mark the 98th meeting in the Sunflower Showdown. Since the beginning of the series, K-State holds a 59-37-1 advantage. However, the

numbers haven't been nearly as even in recent years. Since the inception of the Big 12 in 1996, the Wildcats have won 23 of 25 meetings against KU. In total, K-State has lost just three matches to the Jayhawks since 1994. The Wildcats enter Saturday's match on a four-game winning streak in the series.



Nathaniel LaRue | COLLEGIAN

Senior outside hitter Nataly Korobkova, spikes a ball in the game against Texas A&M. She has is second on the team in kills this season.

FALL WORLD SERIES

Experienced sophomore expected to help lead staff

By Britton Drown
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

It didn't take long for Thomas Rooke to commit to K-State during his junior year of high school. After being contacted by baseball coach Sean McCann, Rooke visited Manhattan and committed two days after receiving an offer.

"Manhattan definitely had a good atmosphere for me to choose to come here," Rooke said.

Conference prominence was a factor in Rooke's decision to join the Wildcats, and within one season, he helped his team to the championship game of the Big 12 Conference.

"When we realized that we made it to that game, it definitely hit me straight in the heart," Rooke said.

"I don't think I was thinking as much as I should have been about where to throw my pitches. I wasn't being a smart pitcher at that point," Rooke said.

However, what made Rooke a vital member of the team, said coach Brad Hill, was how he bounced back after his appearances in those two games.

"That's where we saw him grow up," Hill said. "He didn't run and hide. He really attacked it and he got more aggressive and got more hungry. He was the one guy that really adjusted after a couple of bad outings."

Because he showed this abil-

ship game.

Rooke was a vital member of the Wildcats last season, winning five games coming out of the bullpen. Because of his quick success as a freshman, Rooke is in contention for a starting role this season.

Rooke's only loss of the season came during the Wildcat's trip to Texas A&M in April. Coming out of the bullpen, Rooke walked an Aggie for a run and then gave up a triple to the next hitter.

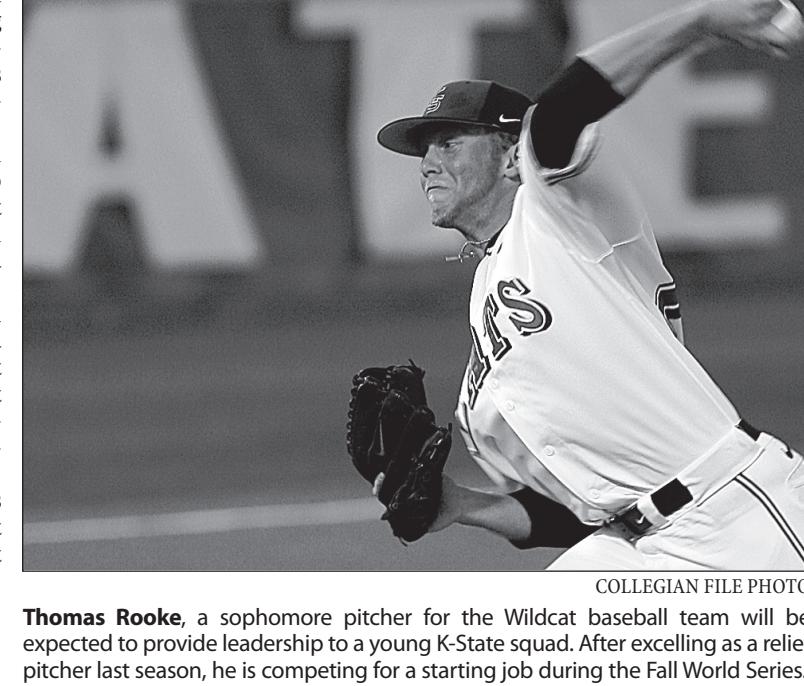
Rooke's struggles continued into the next game against Wichita State, where again Rooke came out of the bullpen and walked his first batter with a runner on third, allowing the go-ahead run for Wichita State.

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COLLEGIAN FILE PHOTO

Thomas Rooke, a sophomore pitcher for the Wildcat baseball team will be expected to provide leadership to a young K-State squad. After excelling as a relief pitcher last season, he is competing for a starting job during the Fall World Series.

ity to bounce back and grow up, Rooke is stepping into a leadership role this year on the team and has used the fall workouts and the Fall World Series as an opportunity to guide his new teammates.

"He needs to be and we are going to expect him to be a leader," Hill said.

Rooke said he also has been us-

ing the fall to increase his stamina to fill the potential role of a starter.

"It means a ton to me," he said. "I would love to start for a division one program; if that's where the coaches see me fitting the best, I would love to fill that spot."

The Fall World series continues at 6 Friday night at Tointon Family Stadium.

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FRIDAY FACTOID

Current halloween traditions date back 2,000 years

By Brad Dornes
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Sticky fingers ringing doorbells yelling out "trick-or-treat" is the norm for one night a year, and Dora the Explorer and Dracula have one thing in common — their lust for candy.

But Halloween did not start out this way.

According to [history.com](#), Halloween's origins date back to the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain. This day marked the end of summer and the harvest and the beginning of dark, cold winter, a time of the year that was often associated with human death.

On the night of October 31, it was believed the ghosts of the dead returned to Earth. These ghosts were often believed to cause damage to crops.

To commemorate the event, Celtic priests built huge, sacred bonfires at which the people gathered to burn crops and animals as sacrifices to their gods. During the celebration, they wore costumes — typically consisting of animal heads and skins — and attempted to tell each other's fortunes.

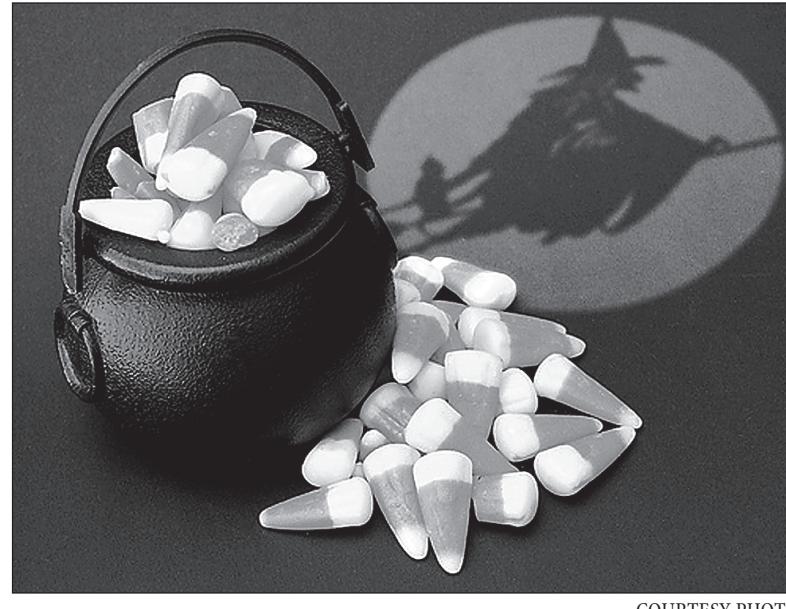
Even the tradition of carving jack-o'-lanterns can be traced

back to this time period. According to [halloweenhistory.org](#), the practice originated from an Irish myth about a man nicknamed "Stingy Jack."

The legend says that Stingy Jack invited the Devil to have a drink with him. True to his name, Jack didn't want to pay for his drink, so he convinced the Devil to turn himself into a coin that Jack could use to buy their drinks. Once the Devil did so, Jack decided to keep the money and put it into his pocket next to a silver cross, which prevented the Devil from changing back into his original form.

Jack freed the Devil and made him promise not to bother him for a year and if he would die, the Devil could not claim his soul. After a year passed, the Devil was once again tricked by Jack. He made the Devil promise not to bother him for 10 years.

Soon after this, Jack died and God refused to let him into heaven. The Devil, still upset over the tricks Jack had played would not allow Jack into hell. Instead, he sent Jack off into the dark night with only a burning coal to light his way. Jack put the coal into a carved-out turnip and has supposedly been roaming the Earth



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ever since.

Halloween came to the U.S., along with the thousands of European immigrants. It turned into public parties where children would dress up and go around asking for candy or money.

Now, the night of October 31 is filled with kids running from house to house competing for who can get the most candy.

"We bring out different candy

for all the appropriate holidays," said Courtney Harken, manager of Candyopolis. "This year all the different types of gummy candy seems to be our most popular."

It's now the twenty-first century, and bonfires have been replaced by porch lights. And ghouls, goblins and vampires will soon be out on the prowl, not for blood, but for their next sugar high.

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— Compiled by Deborah Muhwezi

Large human bones found in California; believed to be those of adventurer Fossett

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MADERA, Calif. — Searchers have found what appear to be two large human bones near the crash site of Steve Fossett's plane in California's Sierra Nevada, along with the adventurer's tennis shoes and driver's license, authorities said Thursday.

Madera County Sheriff John Anderson said at a news conference that the bones were found Wednesday about a half-mile east of the crash site. Investigators have sent them to a Department of Justice testing lab and should know in about a week whether they are Fossett's.

Fossett's widow, Peggy, said in a statement Thursday that the discovery of bones

was "another step in the process of completing the investigation into the tragic accident that took Steve's life."

Fossett vanished in September 2007 after taking off from a Nevada ranch owned by hotel magnate Barron Hilton during what was supposed to be a short pleasure flight.

His disappearance spurred a huge search that covered 20,000 square miles, cost millions of dollars and included the use of infrared technology.

For a while, many of Fossett's friends held out hope he survived, given his many close scrapes with death over the years.

But a judge declared him legally dead in February, and his plane wreckage was found this month after a hiker came across his pilot identification cards amid a pile of weathered \$100 bills west of Mammoth Lakes in the eastern Sierra.

Authorities have said Fossett slammed into a mountain side at about 10,000 feet and probably died instantly. The cause of the crash is still under investigation.

Fossett made a fortune in the Chicago commodities market and gained worldwide fame for setting records in high-tech balloons, gliders, jets and boats. In 2002, he became the first person to circle the world solo in a balloon.

Bomb attacks kill 76 in northeast India Thursday

ASSOCIATED PRESS

GAUHATI, India — Bombs planted in cars and rickshaws ripped through crowded markets in a coordinated attack Thursday in India's volatile northeast, killing at least 76 people and wounding more than 300.

The scale and planning behind the 13 blasts surprised authorities, who struggled to determine who was behind the attacks — among the worst in a region plagued by separatism, ethnic violence and Islamic militants.

The largest explosion took place near the office of Assam state's top government official, leaving bodies and charred, mangled cars and motorcycles strewn across the road.

Bystanders dragged the wounded and dead to cars that took them to hospitals. Police officers covered charred bodies with white sheets in the street.

Later, dozens of people angry over the blasts took to the streets of the state capital, Gauhati, stoning vehicles and torching at least two fire engines. Police imposed a curfew on the city and closed roads leading in and out of the area.

Seventy-six people were killed, with more than a dozen dying from their injuries overnight Thursday, said Subhash Das, a senior official in the state's Home Ministry, on Friday. Some 300 people were wounded by the bombs that went off before noon, he said.

Officials blamed the largest separat-

ist group, the United Liberation Front of Assam, for the blasts. "The needle of suspicion is on ULFA," said Assam government spokesman Himanta Biswa Sharma.

However, the group has never carried out an attack of this size and complexity, which closely resembles bombings that have rocked other Indian cities this year. Those attacks were blamed on Islamic militants.

"Going by the nature, planning and magnitude of the blasts we need to find out if ULFA has been assisted by other terror groups ... at home or abroad," said Das.

Anjan Borehaur, a spokesman for the United Liberation Front of Assam, denied his group had any role in the attacks.

India's northeast — an isolated region wedged between Bangladesh, Bhutan, China and Myanmar with only a thin corridor connecting it to the rest of India — is beset by dozens of conflicts. More than 10,000 people have died in separatist violence over the past decade in the region.

The region is also home to dozens of separatist groups who accuse the government of exploiting the area's natural resources while doing little for the indigenous people — most of whom are ethnically closer to Burma and China than to the rest of India.

U.S. Ambassador David Mulford condemned the latest attack.

"I send condolences to the people of India. Americans share their sorrow and outrage at these horrific attacks on innocent people," he said.

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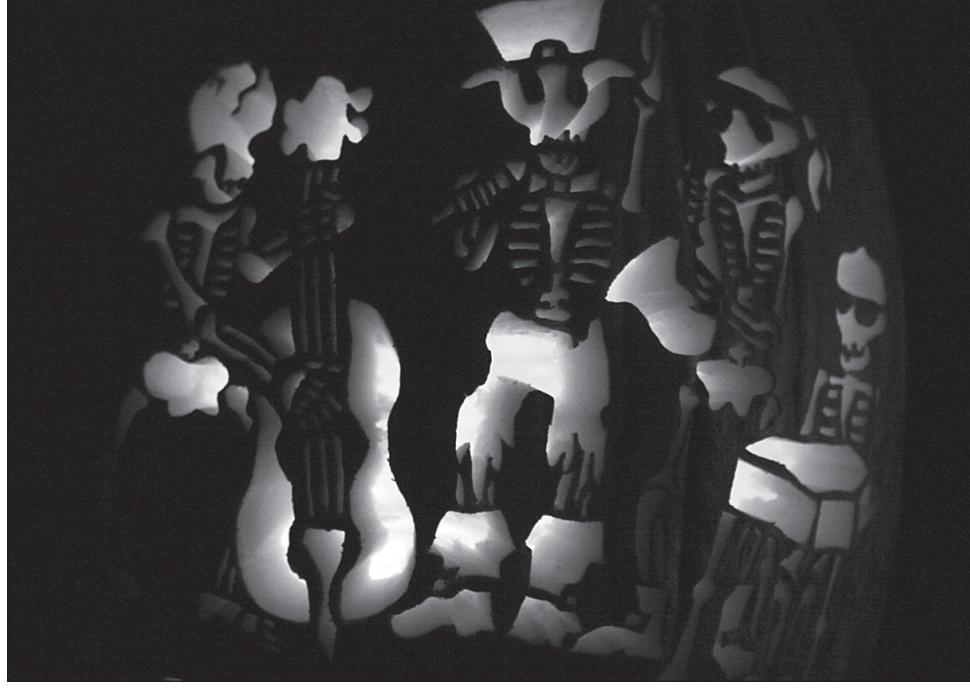
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Night light

Week-long pumpkin carving contest displays skills, concludes with prizes and recognition for students, staff



First place winner of the carved pumpkins "Shake, Rattle and Roll"

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First place winner of the decorated pumpkins "Yoshi"

CARVED PUMPKINS**"SHAKE, RATTLE AND ROLL" – 1ST PLACE****KENNY RICE, FRESHMAN IN BUSINESS**

"I liked this pumpkin because it was creative, since it was not the typical jack-o'-lantern. It had a resemblance to Dia de los Muertos figures."

-Julianne Jensby, sophomore in food science and pre-med

"The design was impressive and very well thought out. It reminds me of pumpkins from home because it's the type of design we'd do growing up; very detailed."

-Jennifer Heiman, senior in sociology

"LEONARD II" – 2ND PLACE**MATT DAVIDSON, SENIOR IN FINE ARTS**

"The extreme detail of the creepy ram head (aka Leonard II) was a big reason it was ranked so high. The carver spent a lot of time working on this masterpiece and their effort was well worth it."

-Megan Canfield, junior in psychology and sociology

"PUMPKIN PIE IN THE SKY" – 3RD PLACE**KALEY DEBRICK, FRESHMAN IN ART**

"The detail in the carving brings a painting-like masterpiece to a pumpkin form."

-Andrea Jahde, junior in interior architecture and product design

"The pumpkin was great because of the intricate detail. You could definitely tell they put a lot of time and effort into the design."

-Julianne Jensby, sophomore in food science and pre-med

Kellen Whaley

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The week-long contest that tested student and faculty creativity ended Thursday night.

The Great Pumpkin Carving Contest sponsored by Union Program Council invited K-State students and staff to show their skills in both pumpkin carving as well as decorating.

"We gave away 55 pumpkins, 30 of which were turned back in," said UPC community committee co-chair Megan Canfield. "Last year I think UPC gave away 30 or 40 and only got 18 back, so we had a much better turnout this year."

Of the 30 entrants, 27 were judged on creativity, neatness and uniqueness of design. The remaining three were entrants from Union organizations and weren't included in the overall judging.

Five judges looked at each individual pumpkin and gave it a rank from 1-10.

"Each criteria is scored and we come up with a grand total after adding everyone's scores together," said UPC community committee co-chair and sophomore in food science and pre-med Julianne Jensby. "The best possible score a single pumpkin can get is 150."

After deliberating and combining scores, six pumpkins – three carved, three decorated – were chosen as winners. First-place pumpkins in each category received a \$30 Union gift card. Second and third places received \$30 and \$20 Union gift cards respectively.

All pumpkins will be on display in the K-State Student Union Courtyard today from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Those who entered can pick up their pumpkins as this time. Winners can claim their prizes in the Union Program Council office located on the Third floor of the Union.

To see the rest of the photos, visit www.kstatecollegian.com

DECORATED PUMPKINS**"YOSHI" – 1ST PLACE****HALEY TIEBEN, JUNIOR IN ANIMAL SCIENCE**

"The Yoshi pumpkin was very eye-catching because of its bright colors."

-Ashley Moore, sophomore in biology

"I liked the pumpkin with Yoshi on it because it is not something you would usually see on a pumpkin. It was almost 3-dimensional."

-Julianne Jensby, sophomore in food science and pre-med

"WICKED WITCH" – 2ND PLACE**KEELY KOLTERMAN, FRESHMAN IN BUSINESS**

"I really liked the props and bright green color. It was a great use of the pumpkin's form."

-Andrea Jahde, junior in interior architecture and product design

"The bright green paint paired with the black hat and wig made a pretty sweet pumpkin."

-Ashley Moore, sophomore in biology

"SNOW WHITE WITCH WITH POISON APPLE" – 3RD PLACE**JESSICA BOLLIG, SENIOR IN INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE**

"This pumpkin was a great trip down memory lane for me. The blend of Halloween tradition and Disney magic is great."

-Megan Canfield, junior in psychology and sociology

FASHION WITH SUBSTANCE

Tour of Cotton, Inc. headquarters shows material is truly the fabric of our lives through research, promotion



ERICA BOATMAN

This semester, I was selected for a grant research team that was funded by Cotton Incorporated and implemented by Deborah Brosdahl, the fantastic associate professor of apparel textiles and interior design.

She also was awarded the 2008 Dean Barbara S. Stowe Endowed Faculty Development Fund Award from the College of Human Ecology recently. (No, I'm not sucking up; she's just truly that cool. Congratulations, Deb!)

In addition to completing an extensive research paper and a case study, our research team was given a tour of both a cotton farm and gin – Eli Whitney doesn't have anything on today's gins – and the world headquarters of Cotton Incorporated.

Going into the tour, I thought Cotton Inc.'s single role in society was to make catchy jingles for commercials about the touch and feel of cotton. However, they proved me wrong.

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Erica Boatman is a senior in apparel design. Please send comments to edge@spub.ksu.edu.



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Tony-winning tap dancer to perform on Sunday

Staff Report

KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Savion Glover, Tony-award-winning tap dancer, will perform at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday in McCain Auditorium as a part of the 2008-09 McCain Performance Series, according to a recent press release.

Glover will team up with fellow hoofers Bare Soundz to feature the dancers as the musicians; the performance will showcase Glover's ability to choreograph dances that portray a sense of musicality.

Other members of Bare Soundz are Marshall Davis Jr. and Maurice Chestnut; both have been dancing since they were young and also performed with Glover on Broadway in "Bring in Da Noise, Bring in Da Funk," according to the release.

Glover was the motion-capture dancer for the penguin Mumble in the Academy Award-winning animated movie "Happy Feet," and appeared in other movies, including "Tap" and Spike Lee's "Bamboozled." He also has performed on TV's "Sesame Street," where he was a series regular for five seasons.

Ticket prices are \$14 for K-State students and \$28 for the general public, according to the release. There are discounts available for senior citizens, military members and K-State faculty and staff. Tickets can be purchased at the McCain Auditorium box office, which is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays. You can also call 785-532-6428 to order tickets.

SAVION GLOVER WITH BARE SOUNDZ

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GAS | Local taxes evaluated in high pricing

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stores control about 54 percent of Manhattan's fuel market.

Whether this figure constitutes a gas station "monopoly" is debatable. Both Darrah and Junghans were unavailable for comment.

However, Dan Kuester, assistant professor of economics, said a lack of local competition might be a significant factor in

Manhattan gas prices.

Kuester also said higher state taxes and prices of crude oil on Wall Street might play just as important a role.

"When oil prices go up, prices for transportation go up as well," Kuester said. "There's a strong relationship."

In addition to high prices of crude oil and refining, costs for transport and distribution and state taxes are also part of the price Manhattan residents

and K-State students pay for gas.

One local gas station owner who wishes to remain anonymous also said environmental fees and "local taxes" must be factored into what people in Manhattan pay at the pump.

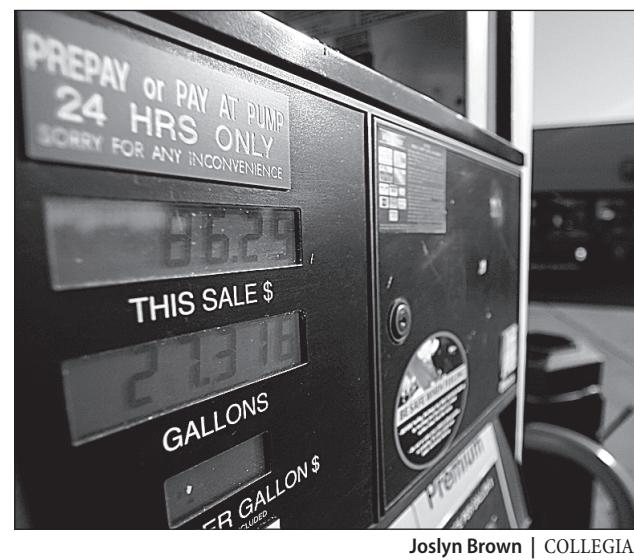
Nevertheless, Eileen King, Riley County Treasurer, said there are no "local taxes" on gas.

King said while local gas station owners might have to pay real estate and

property taxes on their land and facilities, "Riley County doesn't have any tax on a per gallon basis."

Meanwhile, Manhattan residents and K-State students will pay less at the pumps in the short-term. In the long-term, Kuester said we should all be looking for a return to the new gas price norm.

"To expect to continue to see gas – one, two, five years from now – below \$3 a gallon is unrealistic," he said.



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and doing something great for the world," Siefers said. "Well, you're doing something great. You are putting your passion together with a purpose."

Siefers went on to explain her struggle with cancer in a humorous way, describing her excitement at being bald and the day she got a bilateral mastectomy and celebrated, rather than mourned, with a "Ta-Ta to the Ta-Tas party."

"That's how we get through it - through laughter," Siefers said.

She asked the audience members to raise their hands if they knew anyone close to them who had cancer. Almost every hand was raised.

Rachel Pigg, graduate student in biology, said she thought almost everyone is close to someone with cancer. She said she was just walking by in the Union and decided to watch the performance.

"I stopped when I saw the dancing. I was really impressed by it. I thought it was beautiful," she said. "The musical selection coupled with the body movements is impactful. I think the music choices were appropriate to the subject matter."

Siefers asked the audience to observe a moment of silence for the people who have died of breast cancer while "In the Arms of the Angels" played. Two more choreographed dances followed, set to "I Can Only Imagine" and "Speaking of," which was meant to represent "the strength of women within the tap com-



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While participating in the dance titled "Survivor" Michelle Thomas, freshman in dance, flashes the audience a smile Thursday afternoon. All proceeds from Dance for a Cure went to the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

munity and more specifically, the Hoofing community," according to the program.

Erica Smith, sophomore in theater, read "Mom's Poem" written by Hickerson, and the last dance was set to "Survivor."

The event was dedicated to Joyce Gaines. All proceeds went to the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

"Dance is a personal expression - it's my passion," Hickerson said. "We're taking that situation and making it something positive."

In the groove



Michael Ternes, sophomore in music, performance wowed trumpet solo Thursday afternoon in Union Station. Ternes is a member of Housewreckers, a local Jazz Band.

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K-STATE AT KU
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Sunflower Showdown

Bragging rights are on the line during the 106th matchup of these two teams.

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Gameday forecast

Partly Sunny

High: 70 Low: 46

K-State (4-4) vs. Kansas (5-3)

Memorial Stadium

11:40 a.m. Saturday

History: KU leads, 64-36-5

TV: Fox Sports Network. Radio: K-State Sports Network

Player to watch

Deon Murphy gave the Jayhawks some bulletin board material at the K-State press conference Monday. He will have to back up his words with a strong performance on the field if the Wildcats hope to keep up with KU's offense.

**ANOTHER STRONG OFFENSE**

KU has an impressive offense, led by quarterback Todd Reesing and an improving running game.



QB Todd Reesing has been consistent all season, passing for almost 2,500 yards and 19 touchdowns. He two of the best wide receivers in the Big 12 — and maybe the country — at his disposal and utilizes them well. He has thrown more interceptions in the past two games, 5, than he did in the previous six, 4, though.

2008 COLORADO STATISTICS

Passing statistics	CMP	ATT	YDS	CMP %	YDS/A	TD	INT	RAT
Todd Reesing	211	306	2476	69.0	8.09	19	8	152.2
Kerry Meier	1	1	15	100.0	15.00	0	0	226.0
Tyler Lawrence	1	1	11	100.0	11.00	0	0	192.4
Totals	213	308	2502	69.2	8.12	19	8	152.6

Rushing statistics	CAR	YDS	YPC	LONG	TD
Jake Sharp	101	466	4.6	26	5
Angus Quigley	48	253	5.3	20	2
Jocques Crawford	51	168	3.3	20	4
Todd Reesing	72	121	1.7	16	2
Dezmon Briscoe	2	18	9.0	13	0
Tyler Lawrence	2	17	8.5	11	0
Johnathan Wilson	1	0	0.0	0	0
Totals	280	1039	3.7	26	13

Receiving statistics	REC	YDS	YPR	LONG	TD
Dezmon Briscoe	51	760	14.9	69 (TD)	9
Kerry Meier	63	702	11.1	68 (TD)	4
Johnathan Wilson	23	359	15.6	56	2
Jake Sharp	13	161	12.4	67 (TD)	1
Daymond Patterson	14	154	11.0	44	2
Dexton Fields	10	119	11.9	50	0
Angus Quigley	17	82	4.8	14 (TD)	1
Jocques Crawford	6	46	7.7	29	0
Tim Biere	4	46	11.5	23	0
Raymond Brown	5	29	5.8	11	0
Raimond Pendleton	4	29	7.3	13	0
Bradley Dedeaux	2	9	4.5	5	0
A.J. Steward	1	6	6.0	6	0
Totals	213	2502	11.7	69	19

WR Dezmon Briscoe has been stellar for the Jayhawks this season, catching nine touchdowns, including a monster game against Oklahoma in which he caught 12 passes for 269 yards and two touchdowns.



WR Kerry Meier might have the best hands of any receiver in the conference. The second-string quarterback doesn't have the best speed, but he knows how to run routes and get open. He is tied for the conference lead in receptions.

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**OFFENSE**

Quarterback Josh Freeman led the Wildcats to 28 first half points, including three consecutive touchdown drives. He did throw three interceptions, but K-State still scored 35 points against a strong Oklahoma defense. K-State ranks 13th in passing offense and scoring offense, statistically than KU.

This is a true toss-up. KU has basically the same offensive output as the Wildcats. They are within 10 spots of the Wildcats in almost every team offensive category — KU is 32nd in scoring offense. Maybe the most interesting stat is that K-State has a better rushing offense, statistically than KU.

DEFENSE

K-State will probably not be able to stop the KU offense too many times this weekend. There is some hope though. The Wildcat defense gave up just three points to the Oklahoma Sooners in the second half of last week's game. They seem to have some confidence, and if they can piece together a few stops, K-State could escape Lawrence with a win.

KU's defense is not that great, but it's better than K-State's — a common theme this season. KU's defense is ranked 111th in the country, but they still have not given up as much points as the Wildcats. This game ultimately could come down to who causes the most turnovers, and KU this season has been better than K-State in that category.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Deon Murphy is the biggest weapon on either team in the return game. If he can make some big returns, that would ease pressure on the offense to move the ball. Also, don't forget K-State's knack for blocking punts and returning them for touchdowns.

KU's kicker has been very consistent this season and the punting game is average — but they are still better than K-State's. KU has weapons of their own, too, as they are ranked 16th in the country in average yards per punt return.

PREDICTION

This game should be renamed the Sunflower Shootout. There will be a lot of points put on the board, and momentum should be the determining factor of who wins. If one team gets an early lead, the defenses could lose confidence — especially to a Wildcat defense that has given up a ton of points and yards already this season. Other than the massive amount of points, it's hard to predict what

will happen. KU is coming off some disappointing blowouts against top-10 teams, and K-State's spirits have been low most of the season. This is the Big 12 Conference, so really anything could happen. In the end, though, KU's experience and ability to take the ball away will probably move them into the victor's circle.

— KU 45, K-State 35

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KSU focused on Showdown victory after 2-straight losses

By Mike DeVader
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

After a decade of dominance against their instate rivals, the Wildcats have stumbled in recent years against the Kansas Jayhawks, losing three of the last four games against the crimson and blue.

For the first time since 2002, K-State will look to drive out of Lawrence with a tally in the win column.

KU (5-3, 2-2 Big 12 Conference) is trying to snap a two-game losing streak after falling at No. 4 Oklahoma and at home to No. 6 Texas Tech. The Jayhawks were outscored in those games by the wide margin of 108-52.

"Looking back, reviewing Saturday, we did not play well," Kansas coach Mark Mangino said. "Texas Tech outplayed us in just about every area of the game. We know that. We understand that."

"What we need to do this week is improve, put the loss behind us and move on, and get ready for the game against our instate rival, Kansas State."

The Wildcats (4-4, 1-3 Big 12) limp into the Sunflower Showdown having lost three of their last four games.

Junior quarterback Josh Freeman has yet to taste victory in his two games against the Jayhawks, particularly because KU has forced him to make a lot of mistakes.

"Turnovers are something that happen," Freeman said. "We have done a good job until the last two games in ball security. I

have more of an understanding of what we are trying to do offensively in every situation.

"We need to win, especially against these guys. We don't like them, they don't like us," he said.

KU quarterback Todd Reesing, on the other hand, hasn't lost to the Wildcats in his career. Just like Freeman, the Kansas signal caller also has been rattled at times and made mistakes, as he tossed three interceptions in Manhattan a year ago.

Reesing's mobility, elusiveness and ability to make plays out of nothing could be the biggest concern for the Wildcat sideline.

"[Reesing] runs well and throws well on the run," defensive end Ian Campbell said. "We have had difficulty with quarterbacks with dual threats."

"He does create problems, and we are going to our best to solve those."

Jayhawk safety Darrell Stuckey, a native of Kansas City, Kan., has been around the Sunflower Showdown his entire life, and though KU has struggled to stop opposing offenses from getting across the goal line, he said to come out on top at home tomorrow, they can't hype up the instate game too much.

"I don't think we put more emphasis on it. I think we approach it as though it is any other game," Stuckey said. "It does hold its own significance because it is an instate rivalry, and it's for the Governor's Cup, so we are going to go out there and play our best football."



COLLEGIAN FILE PHOTO

A KU defender tackles receiver **Deon Murphy** in last season's game. Though Murphy jawed about beating KU at the press conference this week, KU players generally stayed away from trash talk before the game.

TEAM LEADERS

Passing:
Todd Reesing
211 of 306 for 2,476 yards, 19 touchdowns and 8 interceptions

Rushing:
Jake Sharp
101 rushes for 466 and 5 touchdowns

Receiving:
Dezmon Briscoe
51 catches for 760 yards and 9 touchdowns

Kerry Meier
63 catches for 702 yards and 4 touchdowns



Pierce talks about reasons for going to KSU, kid-at-heart attitude



OFF THE FIELD WITH ERNIE PIERCE

By Cole Manbeck
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Ernie Pierce is a senior wide receiver who came to K-State from Santa Barbara Community College. The 6-foot-4, 210-pounder is the tallest receiver on the team. He recently sat down to talk about his hobbies, his Ninja Turtle backpack, and what drew him to K-State during his recruitment.

Q) Who do you live with? Anyone on the team?

A) I live with my girlfriend. It's good I have someone to come home to that wants to see me every day.

Q) What's the biggest adjustment coming from California to Kansas?

A) The weather and being landlocked are something to get used to. But besides that, I didn't do too many crazy things back at home, so it's nice.

Q) Saturday you had 11 catches for 176 yards, which exceeded your numbers in your first 18 games here combined. Would you say that's a coming out party for you?

A) Yeah, I guess so. I just felt natural out there. I had a good couple of weeks of practice that led into that.

Q) What does Ernie Pierce do for fun off the field?

A) I like to play video games. I am a geek. If you haven't seen me around campus yet, I have a Ninja Turtle backpack. I am just a kid at heart. I go hit the balls at the driving range and golf a little bit with Deon [Murphy] and some of the other wideouts.

Q) Anyone make any comments on the backpack?

A) Yeah, a few people. They like it, but we have another dude on the team that's trying to copy my style.

Q) When you were being recruited, what was it about K-State that made you want to continue your college career here?

A) The direction the program was going in and all of the success of junior college players coming here and the quarterback [Josh Freeman] – you see potential in a guy like that, and not many other programs have a quarterback like that.

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It's all up from here

After losing father, getting shot, walk-on just happy for opportunity to play

By Cole Manbeck
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The look on his face says it all. Rashad Harrell walks with his head down when around the media.

Think you've seen adversity in life? Think long and hard about it, because Harrell's story would be difficult to top.

It's the unluckiest of stories that Harrell even ended up at K-State. In fact, he's lucky to still be alive.

But now, the 5-foot-10 corner is living a dream at K-State — a dream he chased his whole life, but one he never thought he would catch.

LIVING THROUGH ADVERSITY

Harrell lost his father at the age of 14. At the age of 16, he was robbed at gunpoint. He tried to run, but the robbers pulled the trigger and shot him in the right thigh.

"I was kind of a bad kid in high school and stuff," said Harrell, who was born and raised in Miami. "But I made it through and graduated."

Harrell didn't get a lot of looks from schools to play college football. Some Division I-AA schools offered, but he was determined to play Division I.

An ankle injury his senior year of high school derailed most of his scholarship offers.

"Once I got hurt, I never got a phone call, so I didn't worry about it," he said.

But after his senior year at Miami Central High School, Clemson called and offered him the opportunity to become a preferred walk-on.

He was all set to play for the Tigers.

RASHAD HARRELL



Position: Cornerback
Year: Junior
Last season: Played at Rainy River Community College

Memorable achievement:
First career start came against Texas Tech

He had even enrolled in classes. But right before school started, he found out about the tuition costs and decided it was too expensive, so he dropped all his classes and left before the first day of school.

He needed to find another direction, someone to turn to.

"I almost gave up until my old high school football coach decided that I should go to Rainy River Community College."

Rainy River, which sits in the heart of International Falls, Minn., was a far cry from Division I football, but it gave him his best shot at living his dream.

His high school coach persuaded him to pursue Rainy River.

"He wanted me to give it a shot because he figured that I would be dead in the next five to 10 years if I stayed in Miami, because he had seen what I had been through growing up there," Harrell said.

The things he has been through have changed his view on life.

"It's toughened me up," he said. "But it has made me feel like I can't trust anybody sometimes due to the stuff I have been through. But I am working on getting better at it."

LIFE IN MINNESOTA

There was something about Rainy

River that Harrell didn't like. He said the people weren't the friendliest of folks he had ever met.

He became a starter and was a two-year letter winner for Rainy River. His last year there was the last of the football days for the small community college.

They shut down the program the year after he left because of the ever-increasing debt occurring there.

"They stopped the program because they couldn't provide scholarships," he said.

"So everyone that came there took out student loans, and it was putting the school in debt. They figured they would cancel the football program because of it."

THE SLIPPER FITS

His story gets a little more unusual.

He took a semester off after departing from Rainy River Community College. After a few months away, he decided to attend K-State, a school he admitted he had never even heard of.

K-State is host to a student-wide tryout every year for those who want to make an attempt to walk on to the football team.

Harrell made sure to attend the tryout last spring.

He caught the eye of both Sean Snyder, director of football operations, and strength and conditioning coach, Mike Kent, who were both running the open tryout.

Coach Ron Prince said Harrell's story is a unique one.

"I was watching [TV] late last night, and the only thing on was FSN's 'Amazing Sports Stories' about a college journalist who tried out for the team at USC and ended up making it," Prince said.

"This is one of those stories. We had a tryout for the general student body. He showed up and worked out, and the coaches were impressed with him."

The coaches told the players to check for an e-mail in a few days. If they didn't get an e-mail, they were supposed to get in touch with the coaches to see what was wrong.

But the e-mail meant the participant missed the cut. Harrell didn't get the e-mail so he called the K-State coaching staff.

It wasn't a mistake. The players the staff liked were to call. Harrell was one of them. He was thrilled and relieved all at the same time.

"Yes, I was very happy," Harrell said. "I just couldn't believe it. But I was happy — really happy."

Prince said they had never even seen tape of Harrell playing before his arrival.

"He wasn't a recruited walk-on. He was a guy who came and tried out for the team," Prince said.

"I was like, 'Oh, great. That's awesome.' Next thing you know, he's out there. He's tough as nails. He's still learning how to play at this level, but I appreciate his effort."

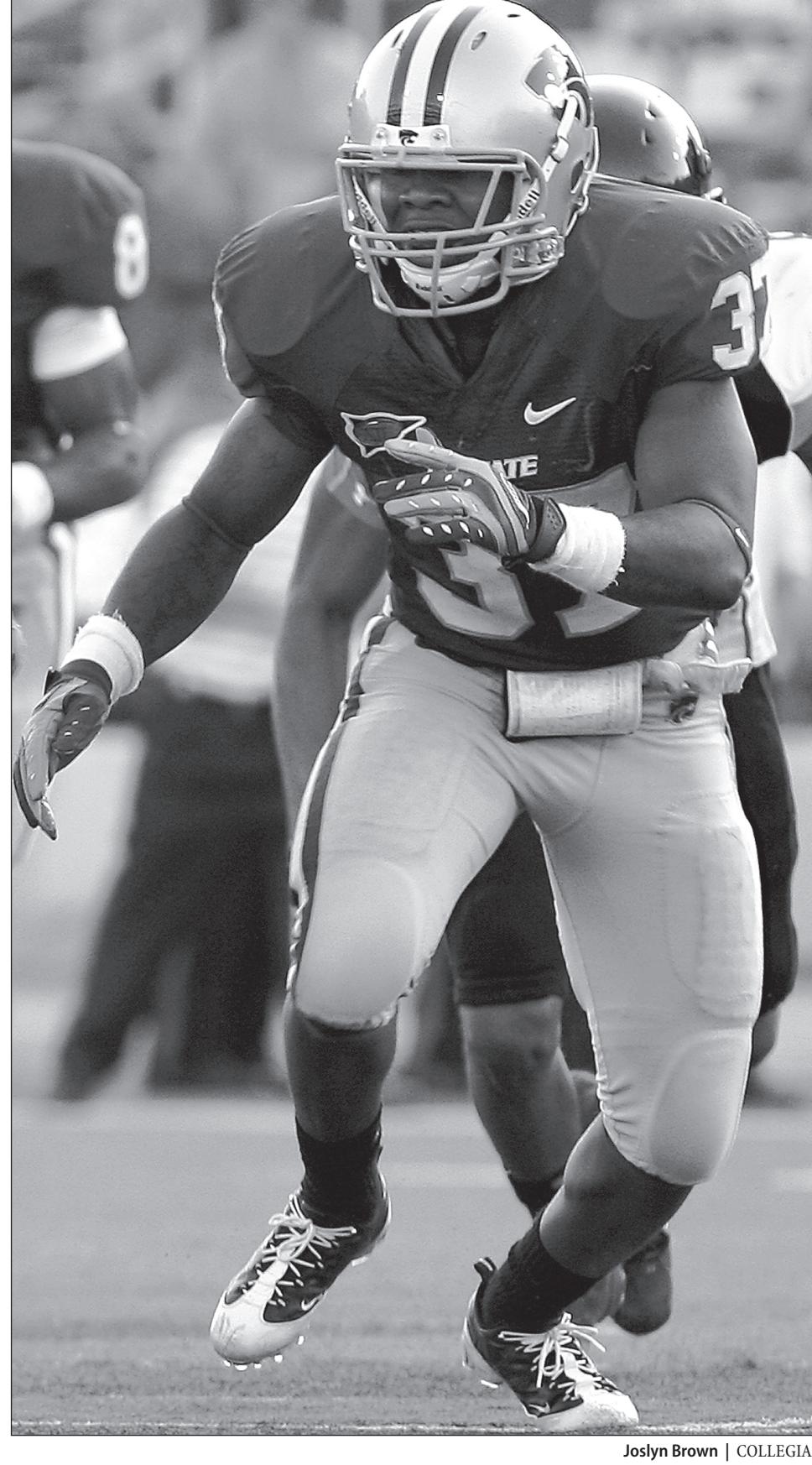
ON THE FIELD

Most walk-ons who come from student tryouts aren't expected to see the field.

They rarely travel with the team to road games because of the limited traveling roster. Their thrill comes when they get to run out of the tunnel at home games six to seven times a year, while getting beat up on for several weeks on the scout teams at practice.

Walk-ons usually do the behind the scenes work, the dirty work so to speak.

But that's not the case for Harrell. The unluckiest of stories found a spot on the field for his first action against Louisiana-Lafayette earlier this year.



Joslyn Brown | COLLEGIAN

Cornerback Rashad Harrell plays during his first start as a Wildcat against Texas Tech on Oct. 4. Harrell was not recruited by K-State coaches, but instead he made the team after competing in an open tryout last spring.

He had fans reaching for their programs and the media stretching for their flip cards given out for every game. He received significant playing time.

But it gets better, depending how the general K-State fan looks at it.

He received his first collegiate start against the No. 1 passing attack in the nation in Texas Tech.

He's earned the respect of his teammates.

"Rashad isn't afraid to hit somebody," said senior defensive end Ian Campbell.

Skeptical K-State fans might have their fair share of doubts about a walk-on who made the team at a student tryout and had beaten out many scholarship corners to see the field.

Nevertheless, Harrell doesn't care what others think.

"That was a good experience," he said.

"It was a great feeling to play Division I football. My whole life I always dreamed of playing Division I."

"It was a good experience playing against the Nation's No. 1 passing team. I feel like I can go up against anybody now."

Harrell said he loves K-State. It's changed his outlook on life. He said it's peaceful in Manhattan, and everyone is accepted here, which hasn't always been the case for him.

He will travel to Lawrence this weekend — an unlikely trip that Harrell never saw himself taking. But unlike many walk-ons, Harrell will get the opportunity to run out of the visitor tunnel.

He lifts his head up for the first time and smiles. The usually quiet Harrell has nothing to say, for the smile on his face says it all.

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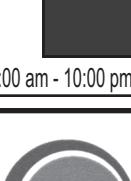
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Big 12 breakdown

South division still dominates conference with four teams in top-25

Texas pulled out a tough victory against Oklahoma State last weekend and will face another top-10 opponent in the Texas Tech Red Raiders. Other than that, the matchups this weekend are a little lacking, as Texas and Texas Tech are the only south teams playing within their division.

NORTH DIVISION



Missouri: (6-2, Big 12 2-2) AP: No. 14

Last week: Defeated Colorado 58-0

This week: at Baylor

Key Player: QB Chase Daniel. After a disappointing loss to Texas in Austin, Daniel and the Tigers came out on all cylinders shutting out Colorado and snapping a two game losing skid. Daniel threw five touchdown passes for 302 yards.



Nebraska: (5-3, 2-2) AP: not ranked (NR)

Last week: Defeated Baylor 32-20

This week: at Oklahoma

Key Player: WR Nate Swift. Swift had a career high 11 receptions in the Cornhusker's victory against Baylor. Quarterback Joe Ganz will look to Swift in a tough test this wee against Oklahoma.



K-State (4-4, 1-3) AP: NR

Last week: Lost to Oklahoma 58-35

This week: at Kansas

Key Player: QB Josh Freeman. With a 61.3% season completion percentage, Freeman will look to lead the Wildcats' offense against the Jayhawks in the 106th edition of the Sunflower Showdown. Freeman threw for a career high 478 yards against the Sooners, and with an expected shootout this weekend, the Wildcats' will depend on an efficient offensive performance.



Colorado (4-4, 1-3) AP: NR

Last week: Lost to Missouri 58-0

This week: at Texas A&M

Key Player: QB Tyler Hansen. Although the Buffaloes where shutout by the Tigers, Hansen proved again he can be a critical part of Colorado's offensive scheme. Hansen was 12/16 against the Tigers, and will look to help the Buffaloes bounce back against the Aggies.

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Oklahoma (7-1, 3-1) AP: No. 4

Last week: Defeated Kansas State 58-35

This week: vs. Nebraska

Key Player: QB Sam Bradford: Bradford continued his stellar season against Kansas, throwing for 468 yards and three touchdowns. He will lead the Sooners into Manhattan looking to keep his team on pace with the Longhorns after their loss earlier in the season at the Red River Shootout.

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Texas A&M (3-5, 1-3) AP: NR

Last week: Defeated Iowa State

This week: vs. Colorado

Key Player: QB Jarrod Johnson. Johnson has proved himself as a reliable quarterback for the Aggies after stepping in for the injured Stephen McGee, throwing for 1753 yards and 15 touchdowns throughout the season. The Aggies are in search of their first home conference win this week against the Buffaloes and they will look to Johnson to lead them.

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Wildcat defense must pressure quarterback to slow KU

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In recent weeks, Kansas junior quarterback Todd Reesing has been a totally different player.

In the Jayhawks' first six games, Reesing threw 15 touchdowns and just three interceptions. He was sacked a total of nine times, and he had an average passer rating of 164.09. Also, let's not forget the most important stat: KU opened the season with a 5-1 record.

Now, take a look at Reesing's numbers in his last two games. He threw more interceptions (five) than touchdowns (four). He was sacked seven times – five times alone at Oklahoma. His average passer rating (124.27)

is nearly 40 points lower. Most importantly, the Jayhawks went 0-2.

The numbers don't lie. Reesing is as good as anyone in the country when he has time to throw, but he makes a lot of mistakes when he's forced out of the pocket.

With the way that both teams' defenses have looked this year – the Wildcats are 11th in the conference in run defense and the Jayhawks are 11th in pass defense – all signs point to another high-scoring affair for K-State.

Junior quarterback Josh Freeman should have little trouble picking apart the Jayhawks' secondary, which ranks 111th nationally, and KU's ground unit should cruise against K-State's 105th-ranked rushing defense.

If the Wildcats find themselves in a shootout this weekend, getting pressure on Reesing will be essential. K-State obviously doesn't have the defensive abilities of Oklahoma or Texas Tech – KU's last two opponents – but forcing Reesing

to make mistakes will greatly increase the Wildcats' chance of coming home with a win.

Pressuring the opposing team's quarterback hasn't been the easiest task for K-State's defense, as the unit has totaled just 14 sacks this year, but the Jayhawk offensive line has been vulnerable at times. Even if K-State defenders can't bring Reesing to the ground, making him scramble is still vital – most of his mistakes came when he was throwing on the run.

To capitalize on the defensive pressure, K-State's secondary will have to be on the ball as well. KU has two of the conference's leading receivers in sophomore Dezmon Briscoe and junior Kerry Meier, and both are great at adjusting their routes if Reesing scrambles. Meier, a converted quarterback and brother of former Wildcat quarterback Dylan Meier, has 63 catches this year – the fifth highest total in the country – so K-State must make sure he's covered at all times, especially when Reesing is flushed from the pocket.



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Defensive end **Brandon Harold** attempts to sack Colorado quarterback **Tyler Hansen**. The Cats will need to apply pressure to KU quarterback Todd Reesing if they hope to win the probable shootout.

5 keys to victory

REESING ON THE RUN

In the last two weeks, the Jayhawks have been unable to protect Todd Reesing. He threw five interceptions against the Sooners and the Red Raiders combined. Ian Campbell and Brandon Harold will need to harass Reesing to give the Wildcats a chance.

STOP SHARP

Jake Sharp gained less than 100 yards rushing in non-conference play. Since the start of Big 12 play, Sharp has emerged as one of the conference's top running backs. If the Wildcats can shut down Sharp, there's a good chance they can contain the Jayhawks' rushing attack.

SECOND-HALF ADJUSTMENTS

In the Jayhawks' three losses, opponents have outscored them 76-35 in the second half. This one falls on coach Ron Prince

and Co. While second-half adjustments haven't been a strength of Prince in the past, outwitting Mark Mangino after the break is a possibility.

HANDS UP

Reesing's listed 5-foot-11 height isn't fooling anyone. The Wildcat defensive linemen need to get their hands up high to take away Reesing's throwing lanes and deflect passes. This could also lead to more interceptions.

MIX UP THE RUNNING GAME

In Big 12 play, the Wildcats are gaining only 126 rushing yards per game. Meanwhile, the Jayhawks are holding opponents to 131 rushing yards per game. Prince will have to think outside the box with quarterback runs and trick plays to generate rushing yards.

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